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SUBJECT: 60TH ECOSOC--INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS. THIS DRAFT IS THE PRODUCT OF AN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP WITH ATTENDANCE FROM ALL REGIONAL GROUPS. WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE DRAFT BE PRESENTED TO ECOSOC IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT WHO WILL SEEK ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS. ECOSOC WILL PROBABLY TAKE ACTION ON THIS MATTER SOMETIME THIS WEEK. REQUEST DEPT COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

QUOTE

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

WELCOMING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE, ON 3 JANUARY 1976,
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND
CULTURAL RIGHTS,

EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO STATES WHICH HAVE BECOME PARTIES
TO THE COVENANT,

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EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME, OTHER

STATES WILL BECOME PARTIES TO THE COVENANT, WITH A VIEW TO
MAKING ITS APPLICATION UNIVERSAL,

NOTING THE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES PLACED ON THE
COUNCIL BY THE COVENANT AND EXPRESSING ITS READINESS TO PERFORM
THESE RESPONSIBILITIES,

NOTING IN PARTICULAR THAT INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND CO-
OPERATION IS ONE OF THE METHODS ENVISAGED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS FOR THE
GUARANTEEING OF THE RIGHTS ENUMERATED THEREIN,

HAVING REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONDUCT ON ITS
BEHALF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE STATES PARTIES AND THE SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES CONCERNED, AS ENVISAGED IN ARTICLE 17 OF THE COVENANT
AND HAVING RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORT OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL THEREON,

EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED AND OTHER ORGANS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THEIR READINESS TO CO-OPERATION
IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COVENANT,

1. ESTABLISHES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17 OF THE COVENANT,
THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME UNDER WHICH THE STATES PARTIES TO
THE COVENANT WILL FURNISH IN BIENNIAL STAGES THE REPORTS
REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 16 THEREOF:

FIRST STAGE RIGHTS COVERED BY ARTICLES 6-9

SECOND STAGE RIGHTS COVERED BY ARTICLES 10-12

THIRD STAGE RIGHTS COVERED BY ARTICLES 13-15;

2. REQUESTS THAT, IN REPORTING UNDER THIS PROGRAMME, FULL
ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN BY THE STATES PARTIES TO THE PRINCIPLES
CONTAINED IN PARTS I AND II (ARTICLES 1-5) OF THE COVENANT,

3. INVITES THE STATES PARTIES TO SUBMIT TO THE
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SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CONFORMITY WITH PART IV OF THE COVENANT,
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAMME MENTIONED IN PARA. 1. ABOVE,
REPORTS ON THE MEASURES WHICH THEY HAVE ADOPTED AND THE PROGRESS
MADE IN ACHIEVING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE RIGHTS RECOGNIZED
IN THE COVENANT, AND TO INDICATE, WHEN NECESSARY, FACTORS
AND DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING THE DEGREE OF FULFILMENT OF THEIR
OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE COVENANT. ""

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF THE REPORTS OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT TO THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 16, PARA. 2, SUB-PARA. (B), COPIES OF THE REPORTS, OR ANY RELEVANT PARTS THEREFROM, FROM STATES PARTIES TO THE COVENANT WHICH ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THESE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, INsofar AS THESE REPORTS, OR PARTS THEREFROM, RELATE TO ANY MATTERS WHICH FALL WITHIN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SAID AGENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS;

6. CALLS ON THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL 1 DEC 77 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAMME ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS RESOLUTION, AND BEARING IN MIND THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, REPORTS AS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 18, ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN ACHIEVING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE PARTICULARS OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUCH IMPLEMENTATION ADOPTED BY THEIR COMPETENT ORGANS;

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7. DECIDES THAT STATES PARTIES TO THE COVENANT WHICH SUBMIT REPORTS UNDER THE COVENANT NEED NOT SUBMIT

REPORTS ON SIMILAR QUESTIONS UNDER THE REPORTING PROCEDURE
ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1074 C (XXXIX);

8. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY- GENERAL IN COOPERATION WITH
THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED, TO DRAW UP GENERAL GUIDELINES
FOR THE REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES AND SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES;

9. DECIDES THAT:

(A) A SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP OF THE COUNCIL, WITH
APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION OF STATES PARTIES TO THE
COVENANT , AND WITH DUE REGARD TO EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL
REPRESENTATION, SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL WHENEVER REPORTS
ARE DUE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ASSISTING THE COUNCIL IN THE CONSIDERATION OF SUCH REPORTS;

(B) REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CON-
CERNED MAY TAKE PART IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP
WHEN MATTERS FALLING WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF
COMPETENCE ARE CONSIDERED;

10. APPEALS TO STATES TO INCLUDE, IF POSSIBLE, IN THEIR
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DELEGATION TO THE RELEVANT SESSIONS OF ECOSOC MEMBERS
COMPETANT IN THE SUBJECT MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION;

11. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE ALL STEPS
TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE COVENANT.

"" THE REPORTS ON THE RIGHTS INCLUDED IN THE FIRST STAGE
SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED BY 1ST SEPT 1977, AND THE REPORTS
ON THE SUBSEQUENT STAGES AT BIENNIAL INTERVALS THEREAFTER.

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